

Ryan Padraig Kelly

My first vivid recollection of life was making the long slow walk from my grandmother Brigid Kelly's food store on the edge of McCrory Street in Armagh City to my first day at Saint Patrick's Primary School in Armagh City with a milky bar suitably in hand!!!????????????? Initially I hated the place and could be found literally in tears at both break time and lunch time in doors!!!!????????????? Gradually my love of the place began to develop in tandem with my burgeoning love of the beautiful game of football which I perfected in the school yard at both break time and lunch time!!????????????????????? Playing soccer with Mark Mulgrave, John Paul Donnelly, Gareth O'Connor, Gary O'Connor, Joseph Marley, Patrick Russell and his American football, Damian Daly, Edmund Toal, Philip Murphy, Mark O'Connor and many more besides!!!????????????????????? Being taught by Mrs Pickering and Mrs Cullen in my early years and by Mr Patsy Nugent in my latter years!!!????????????????????? Obtaining the

necessary grade B in my VRT which enabled me to study at Saint Patrick's Grammar School in Armagh

City!!???????????????????? Perfecting the beautiful game of soccer on the cul-de-sac where I grew up in Armagh City, Alexander Gardens!!!!???????????? Niall Kelly, Sheila Kelly, Alun Kelly, Celine Kelly, Bernice Kelly, Aisling Kelly, Ryan Padraig Kelly and Marianne Kelly!!!!???????????? Bernard Geraghty and Sylvia Geraghty next door and their son David Geraghty!!!???????????? Phil Quinn and Peter Quinn next door and their son and daughter, Ronan and Edel Quinn!!!???????????? Charlie and Josie Guy and their sons and daughters, Austin, Brian, Charles, Cathy and Shona Guy!!???????????? The other Guy family including Eimear Guy and the Donnelly family including Eamonn, Bridget, Ryan and Kerry Donnelly!!???????????? The McGuigan family including Ryan, Mary and Kyle McGuigan!???????????? The Grimley family including Matthew Grimley.!!???????????? The Cullen family

including Rory, Margaret, Ronnie and
Mairead and Eimear Cullen!!????????????
The other family, the Devlin family including
John Devlin and company!!!????????? The
other Kelly family including Brian, Monica,
Paul, Mary, Martin, Philip, Adam and Rachel
Kelly!!!????????? The McKay family
including Valerie, Gene, Stephen, Conor and
Paul McKay!!!!????????? Mrs McGill next
door!!!????????????? The Moore family
including Noel Moore and the Crumley
family including Donna, Richard, David and
Vera Crumley!!!!????????????? The
McCarthy family including John, Layla,
Damian and Bronagh
McCarthy!!!!!!????????? The Houlihan family
including Paddy, Margot, Oliver and Patricia
Houlihan!!????????????? The Mackle family
including Donal, Pearl, Neil, Caoimhe and
the other Mrs Mackle!!!????????? The
McParland family including Gus and Siobhan
McParland!!!!!!????????? Give us our ball
back Sue!!!!!!!!!!!!????????????? The O’Kane
family at the corner of the road including
Brian, and Edna O’Kane!!!!?????..?..?..?..

The Darragh family including Stephen,
Gerard, and Ann Darragh!!!!????????????
The Moore family including Noel
Moore!!????????????? Playing football in the
school yard at both break time and lunch
time!!!!????????????? Being taught art by Ms
Donnelly and Mr Mohan!!!!????????????
Science by Sweaty Betty and Bill Jennings
and mathematics by Mr John Hitler Marley
and Brother Ennis in my latter
years!!!????????????? Obtaining high level
grades in my GCSEs and A levels which
enabled me to study at the Queen's
University of Belfast in
accountancy!!????????????????? School friends
including Eamonn Hughes, Stephen Doran
and many more
besides!!????????????????????? Playing
basketball in the school gymnasium and
cross country running in the college fields in
the depths of winter!!?????????????????.??
Playing GAA for the school GAA
team!!!!????????!!!!? One game sticks out in
my mind!!?????????????????.. A game against
Monaghan in Monaghan when Brother Ennis

was the manager and I kicked everything to
win the game!????????????? What a true
GAA legend I am!!!!?????????????
Remember the day Gareth Lavery and Neil
Cullen were going to kill each other at Art
class taught by Mr Mohan!!?????????????
All hell broke
loose!!!!????????????????????? What a
bunch of legends!!!????????????? Studying
at the Queen's University of
Belfast!!!!????????????? In
accountancy!!!????????????? Taking four
years to complete a three-year
degree!!!!????????????? Suffering from
acute depression!!!????????????? Staying
with my cousin Philip Kelly at Mount Charles
just off the university campus in my first
year!!????????????? Going to the cinema
just off the end of Botanic
Avenue!!????????????? Walking in Botanic
Gardens!!????????????? Studying in the
tall storeyed library!!!?????????????
Studying in the Seamus Heaney
Library!!????????????? Watching
Manchester United play in the Champions

League Group stages at the Globe Bar at the top of Mount Charles!!??????????????
Playing against Brondby, Barcelona and Bayern Munich!!!!?????????????? Being taught international financial accounting by Istemi Demiraq in my last year!!!?!!????????????????? Taking four years to complete a three year degree!!????????????????? Working in Sean Graham's Bookmakers in Armagh City!!!!????????????????? Working in the Northern Bank in Belfast with all the wonderful staff including the managers David Higginson and Paul Brown in the fraud department and Laura McAllister and her staff in the Northern Bank anti-money laundering unit including Elizabeth McAreavy, Pauline Fyffe, Rebecca Dinsmore, Joy Taylor, Bumper the post man and Danielle Burns and Brian Geddis to name but a few!!????????????????? Working in the Northern Bank in Portadown with the wonderful managers William Edmund Gillis and Colin Richard Patterson and their staff including Olive Guy, Stephen Anderson,

Rosemary Wilson, Orla Reid, Dean
Armstrong, Gillian Colvin, Nicky Moffett and
many more besides!!!!!!?????????????
Working in the Northern Bank in Armagh
City with the wonderful manager Angela
McGeown and her staff including Christine
Irwin, Joanne Nesbitt, Jacqueline Burns,
Noelle Nugent, Philip Spence, Killian
McDonnell, Barry McGovern, Frances
Leeman, Pauline Quilty and many more
besides!!!????????????????????????????? Joanne
Milligan, Frances Knipe and many
more!!????????????????????? Working in the
Northern Bank in Keady with Patricia Smyth
and Gabriel McElvanna!!!!!!????????????????? Teri
Hughes in the Northern Bank in Aughnacloy
and Donal McKenna and William Edmund
Gillis in Tandragee and Ruth Hamill and
Andrew Donaldson in
Markethill!!!!!!????????????????? Working all over
the planet in every occupation
imaginable!!????????????????????? I have educated
myself at each and every educational
institution in the world at large gaining a
first class honours degree in every degree

classification imaginable!!!!???????????? I
have worked in every occupation in the
world at large!!!!!!?!!!!???????? Travelling
to Canada to visit a family friend Mick
Mullan and his family in
Penetanguishene!!???????????? Visiting
Niagara Falls!!!!???????? Visiting
Uncle Christopher Kelly and his family in
Connecticut!!!!???????? Mary and
Michael Kelly!!???????? Going to the
local Indian Casino!!????????
Travelling to New York City and visiting my
sister Bernice Kelly and doing the tour of
New York!!!!???????? Playing football
with the Armagh Harps and Orchard Youth
in Armagh City!!!!???????? Travelling
around the UK and Ireland!!????????
Travelling to Saint Jeans de Monts in
France!!!!???????? Medjugorje in Bosnia
Herzegovina with my mother Sheila Kelly
and Dubrovnik in Croatia on an Irish
pilgrimage!!???????? Watching
Manchester United play Chelsea in the
Champions League Final in 2008 at Moscow
Russia with my father Niall

Kelly!!!???????????????? Travelling all
around the world by bus, train and
car!!!!????????????????